Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) A method of encoding a media signal, comprising the steps of:

- defining a range of code sequences that are generated by a first encoder in response to encoding respective groups of one or more media signal samples by said first encoder,

- using a second encoder for actually encoding the groups of media signal samples into second code sequences,

- assigning to each second code sequence a selected one of said first code sequences in accordance with a mapping table, and

- transmitting the selected first code sequences to represent the information signal.

2. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the second encoder has a higher encoding quality than the first encoder.

3. (original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and/or second encoder are quantizers, and the respective code sequences are quantized signal samples.

4. (original) A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the first quantizer is a scalar quantizer and the second quantizer is a vector quantizer.

5. (currently amended) An apparatus for encoding a media signal, the apparatus comprising circuitry for implementing the steps of a method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1.

6. (original) A method of decoding an encoded information signal, comprising the steps of:
- receiving first code sequences associated with a first decoder,
- replacing said first code sequences by second code sequences in accordance with a mapping table, and
- decoding the second code sequences using a second decoder.

7. (original) A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the first and-or second code sequences are quantized signal samples, and the respective decoders are inverse quantizers.

8. (original) A method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the first inverse quantizer is an inverse scalar quantizer and the second inverse quantizer is an inverse vector quantizer.

9.   (currently amended) An apparatus for decoding an encoded information signal, the apparatus comprising circuitry for implementing the steps of a method as claimed in ~~any one of claims 6 to 8~~claim 6.

10.   (currently amended) A computer program product enabling a programmable device when executing said computer program product to function as an apparatus defined in claim 5 ~~or 9~~.